

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page one, please replace the first paragraph with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/545260, filed April 7, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6670257, which claims priority from European Patent Application No. 99830206.1, filed April 9, 1999, now European Patent No. 1043770; and this application also claims priority from Italian Patent Application No. TO2002A000808, filed September 17, 2002, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.